

PCT  
AS

Patent Application No. 10/534,449  
 Paper Dated January 11, 2006  
 Attorney Docket No. 0470-051457



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/534,449 Confirmation No. 4779

Applicant : Tjitze Meter

Filed : May 10, 2005

Title : A Method for Cleaning an Incubator and an Incubator

Group Art Unit : Not Yet Assigned

Examiner : Not Yet Assigned

Customer No. : 28289

Mail Stop Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

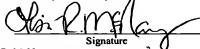
**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits this Information Disclosure Statement, which includes a completed Form PTO/SB/08A and one copy of each reference identified therein.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on January 11, 2006  
 Date

  
 Signature

Lisa R. McNamy

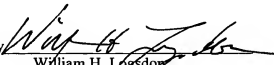
Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate

This application is the United States National Phase of PCT Application No. PCT/NL03/00792, filed November 11, 2003, claiming a priority date of November 11, 2002, corresponding to Netherlands Application No. 1021890. The references identified in Form PTO/SB/08A were cited in an International Search Report (ISR) dated April 28, 2004, in the underlying PCT application. The relevance of these references is indicated in the ISR, a copy of which is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience. The International Preliminary Examination Report (IPEP), dated January 13, 2005, indicates that the claims of the PCT application, as amended, meet the international standards of patentability. The claims in the present application are similar to the claims filed in the PCT application and should be in condition for allowance for the same reasons set forth in the IPEP is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's convenience. No English-language abstracts or corresponding English-language equivalents for FR 954964 or DE 888329 are readily available to the Applicant. WO 02/39812 corresponds to NL 1016636 (cited in the specification) and is the English-language equivalent thereof.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(3), no fee is believed to be due for the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement as it is being submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. One (1) original and two (2) copies of this Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

THE WEBB LAW FIRM

By 

William H. Logsdon  
Registration No. 22,132  
Attorney for Applicant  
700 Koppers Building  
436 Seventh Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1845  
Telephone: 412-471-8815  
Facsimile: 412-471-4094



PTO/SB/08a (07-05)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

# **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

## **Complete if Known**

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Application Number     | 10/534,449       |
| Filing Date            | May 10, 2005     |
| First Named Inventor   | Tjitze Meter     |
| Art Unit               | Not Yet Assigned |
| Examiner Name          | Not Yet Assigned |
| Attorney Docket Number | 0470-051457      |

|       |   |    |   |
|-------|---|----|---|
| Sheet | 1 | of | 1 |
|-------|---|----|---|

## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. <sup>1</sup> | Document Number<br>Number - Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known) | Publication Date<br>MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or<br>Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines,<br>Where Relevant<br>Passages or Relevant<br>Figures Appear |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|--|
|                    |                       | US-   |                                |  |  |
|                    |                       | US-   |                                |  |  |
|                    |                       | US-   |                                |  |  |
|                    |                       | US-   |                                |  |  |
|                    |                       | US-   |                                |  |  |
|                    |                       | US-   |                                |  |  |
|                    |                       | US-   |                                |  |  |
|                    |                       | US-   |                                |  |  |
|                    |                       | US-   |                                |  |  |
|                    |                       | US-   |                                |  |  |
|                    |                       | US-   |                                |  |  |
|                    |                       | US-   |                                |  |  |
|                    |                       | US-   |                                |  |  |
|                    |                       | US-   |                                |  |  |
|                    |                       | US-   |                                |  |  |

## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. <sup>1</sup> | Foreign Patent Document<br>Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known) | Publication Date<br>MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or<br>Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines,<br>Where Relevant Passages<br>or Relevant Figures Appear | <sup>6</sup> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|---|--------------|
|                    | 1                     | EP 054,064   | 01-04-1960                     | Tjitz  |   |              |
|                    | 2                     | DE 888329  | 08-31-1953                     | Schmidt  |   |              |
| /SC/               | 3                     | WO 02/39812  | 05-23-2002                     | Meter Holding B.V.                                 |   |              |
|                    |                       |  |                                |  |   |              |
|                    |                       |  |                                |  |   |              |

|                    |                  |                 |  |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|--|
| Examiner Signature | /Saeed Chaudhry/ | Date Considered |  |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|--|

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinda Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

References are in non-english language

{W0236638.1}